# Minutes of the Paul Memorial Library Trustees Meeting on March 9, 2015

Attending: Pam Burch, Kim Crisp, Win Fream, Lee Woodworth, future Trustee Chris Fernandes

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

#### Treasurer's Report

Currently in our donation account we have \$1,080.09 and \$13,973.98 in our regular checking account.

#### **Director's Report**

Pam's report is attached. We discussed possible titles for our gardening lecture on Earth Day, April 22nd including Get Your Dirt On! Vegetable Growing Made Easy!

#### Other New Business

We will select a date to take Lisa Cloyd out to dinner as a thank you for her three years of service as a Library Trustee.

Due to snow issues this winter, we will find a better location for the mailbox. We will also consider alternative locations for the library sign due to the trees blocking the view of it from the road.

<u>Community Gardens</u> - Win estimates it will cost \$2,000 or less to build new beds. He is considering a different, more durable material for the corners of the boxes to better hold them together. Funds raised from the Pancake Breakfast will be used towards this expense.

<u>Kitchenette</u> - the plumber has been in to remove the sink. Old sink is now in the basement and may be recycled for use by the gardeners outdoors. The electrician has been in to add electrical boxes needed for the refrigerator, microwave and Keruig. Win will remove the old shelving and then Steve Fernandes will be in to paint it before other work is done. His estimate is \$100.00.

<u>Pancake Breakfast</u> - Win will check with Jennifer MacPherson to see if she can get donations from Shaws, Market Basket, and Hannaford. Kim will be responsible for getting the maple syrup and the coffee donation from Dunkin Donuts. Pam will provide the change and collect money at the door. She will also get the door code from Jane for the school. Pam and Mary on working on a possible pancake craft activity and Mary will try to come to do a pancake story time. Any extra extension cords are useful! Pam will alert the Friends to see if any can come help out.

<u>Movie Night for April</u> - will be Friday, April 17th - whatever is newest release. Possibly Andre the Seal to connect with April activity of Save a Seal on April 30th?

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Burch

# Director's Report for February 2015

#### **New and Important**

- Lighting retrofit folks were here on February 5 we now have new ballasts and bulbs in our main room, new bulbs in the Children's room, bathroom and two lights out back.
- Auditors for the town have started preliminary work

### **Library Building and Grounds**

- Oops! We ran out of oil this month but no harm from what I can figure it was only for a day or less - we had the oil and Cammett came to our rescue to get our furnace going again
- Continued thanks to Colby for all the shoveling!
- Plumber and Electrician were in to work on Kitchenette
- Start thinking about addressing our basement flooding problem

#### **Book Clubs**

The Afternoon Book Club met on February 11 to discuss <u>I Still Dream About You</u> by Fannie Flagg, 12 members attended. The Evening Book Club met on February 16 to discuss <u>The Orchard</u>, 6 members attended.

#### Friends of the Library

They will be hosting their Bake Sale on Election Day, March 10th at Town Hall. They are looking for someone to edit the Friends quarterly newsletter - Pam Dube has stepped down.

# **Connecting with Other Libraries**

I attended the Seacoast Area Libraries (SAL) meeting on February 20th. Our Cooperative will be sponsoring a speaker in April 16th together at the Hampton Library. Details below. We are working on a new website that will showcase all the Seacoast Area libraries with joint calendar of main events. Yesterday I attended a small libraries meeting in Greenfield, NH and met with five other directors of small libraries.

# **Upcoming Events**

Friends Election Day Bake Sale - Tuesday, March 10th at Town Hall J. Dennis Robinson on his new book, Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 21 - 8:00 to 11:00 am at NES

Books for Babies Breakfast on Saturday, April 11th - 10:00 to 11:30 am

Growing Your Own Vegetables, Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 - 7:00 pm more info below

SAL Cooperative Lecture - Thursday, April 23 - more below

New Hampshire Library Trustees Annual Conference is on Monday, May 18th in Concord

Come learn about growing your own vegetables here in NH. Soil building organically, crops to plant, smart water use, using vertical space and weed-less gardening will be discussed. How to enjoy and get more veggies from your garden with less work is the goal. There will also be time for questions so bring yours!

Amy Antonucci worked in organic agriculture for over ten years and now co-owns a permaculturally managed homestead in Barrington NH. She is a certified permaculture designer, and keeps bees, poultry and dairy goats. She especially loves her gardens and helping others learn to grow food for themselves.

Co-sponsored by the Newfields Garden Club

Seacoast Area Libraries Cooperative Lecture - Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 pm at Lane Library in Hampton - author Anthony Amore (security chief at the Isabella Steward Gardner Museum) will be discussing his book about 1990 art heist.

# Attendance at Events in February

Story Times - 22A/34C
Book Groups - 14
Lego Clubs - 12
Food History Lecture - 14
Read the Book, See the Movie - 12
Movie Night - 10

**TOTAL** = 104

#### **Library Statistics for February**

Total number of people through the door: 384
Total number of patrons using the library: 188
Total number of items circulated this month: 754

Number of new patrons: 11

Respectfully submitted, Pam Burch